

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace claims 2, 3, 10, 12 and 13 by the following claims.

2. (twice amended) A composition according to claim 13, wherein component (b) is at least one compound of formula I, wherein

R₁ is C₃-C₈alkyl,

R₂ is hydrogen or methyl, and

n is the number 1.

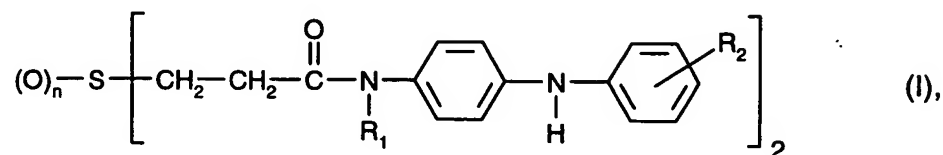
3. (twice amended) A composition according to claim 13, wherein component (b) is at least one compound of formula I, wherein

R₁ is C₃-C₈alkyl,

R₂ is hydrogen, and

n is the number 1.

10. (amended) A compound of formula I



wherein

R₁ C₃-C₁₂alkyl,

R₂ is hydrogen or C₁-C₄alkyl, and

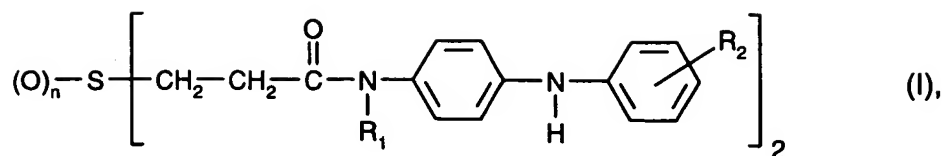
n is the number 1 or 2.

13. (amended) A composition, which comprises

a) a carbon black-free elastomer subject to oxidative, thermal, light- or ozone-induced degradation, and

b) at least one compound of formula I

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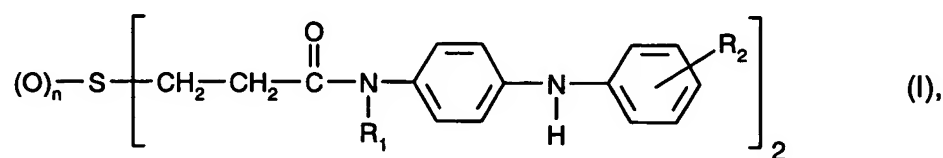
wherein

R_1 is C_3 - C_{12} alkyl,

R_2 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and

n is the number 1 or 2.

14. (amended) A process for stabilizing and reducing the discoloration of carbon black-free elastomers, which comprises incorporating in, or applying to, said elastomers at least one compound of formula I



wherein

R_1 is C_3 - C_{12} alkyl,

R_2 is hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, and

n is the number 1 or 2.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 2-11, 13 and 14 were pending in this application.

Claims 2-11, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kline (U.S. Patent No. 3,975,414).

Claims 2, 3, 10, 13 and 14 have been amended.

Claims 2-11, 13 and 14 are presented for reconsideration.

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